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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination of the above-identified patent application, please enter the amendment below.

IN THE CLAIMS:

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Please amend claims 3-9 as follows:

3. (Amended) Protective hood according to claim 1, further characterized in that the support material is a filament nonwoven material, whereby the nonwoven material is bonded by means of a thermal bonding.

4. (Amended) Protective hood according to claim 1, further characterized in that the basis weight of the support material amounts to between 12 and 200 g/cm<sup>2</sup>, preferably between 50 and 90 g/cm<sup>2</sup>.